

control of the House, and they have yet to bring one single jobs bill to this floor.

In San Bernardino County, my constituents face a 13 percent unemployment rate. But instead of taking swift action to create new jobs, Republicans are threatening the loss of countless more jobs by taking the debt ceiling negotiation to another brink. And why are they doing this? To protect billionaires, millionaires, and corporations that ship jobs overseas.

We all know that the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy have failed—have failed—to create any new jobs here at home. And they are threatening Social Security and Medicare to protect these unneeded tax breaks, which is wrong. No taxes, no jobs. No taxes, no jobs.

Let's come together on a plan that creates jobs, protects our seniors and the middle class, and do it responsibly to deal with the deficit.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL BOB DURBIN AND HIS WIFE, DIANA

(Mr. POMPEO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POMPEO. Madam Speaker, this past week, a great American family retired from service to our Nation. Lieutenant General Bob Durbin and his wife, Diana, spent 36 years in service to our country in the United States Army working with soldiers and their families. On behalf of the United States, I want to thank them both for that service.

This is also something I can speak to personally. Twenty-five years ago, General Durbin was my instructor in leadership at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He taught me there that it's always right to do the harder thing and not take the easier path. He reminded me that when times get tough, as they are here in America today, that real leaders can make real change. And Diana taught me that families with Christ in their hearts can make real changes in our world.

Bob had many assignments during his 36 years in the Army, including command of Kansas' own Big Red One at Fort Riley, Kansas. He was also the first general assigned the daunting task of training the Afghanistan army and police force so that Afghans may live in peace and security as we do in America.

Bob and Diana, thank you for your service to our Nation. There is no higher praise I can give you than to say, "Job well done."

HONORING INDIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD

(Mr. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Representative Bill Crawford, America's longest-serving African American State legislator. Crawford, who is retiring in 2012, has served Indianapolis' 98th District with distinction since 1972.

During his tenure, he served as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, where he left a lasting imprint by crafting budgets that afforded every child an equal opportunity to receive a quality education and every minority and woman-owned business an opportunity to compete.

Crawford has also fought to ensure workers on public contracts reflect the communities where the work is performed. A believer in the power of redemption, Crawford authored Indiana's "second chance" law, under which one who pays their debt to society and has been trouble-free for 8 years can have their criminal record sealed to ensure they can find employment.

Crawford has been called both "the dean" and "the conscience" of Indiana's black caucus, as his metric for gauging the wisdom of any action has been simple: Is it right? Not safe, not popular, but right.

"JULY IS JOBS" INITIATIVE

(Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, for months now here in Washington we have debated spending, the debt ceiling, and job creation. But for generations, American businessmen and -women have shaped not only our national economy, but the world's economy and made our country a symbol of strength and ingenuity. To honor that spirit, I hope all of my colleagues will join me in listening to those small business owners and job creators who truly drive our economy.

That is why we have launched our "July is Jobs" initiative, where we ask the residents of South Carolina's First Congressional District to share with me, through social media and email, their ideas on job creation and moving our economy forward. They are the ones on the ground every day trying to grow their businesses, hire new employees, and navigate what is best for their families.

At the end of the month, I will share a selection of these ideas on the House floor, and I am 100 percent certain that we will learn a thing or two from those job creators. Because, at the end of the day, this isn't about the left or the right or Washington politics; it's about them.

LOUISIANA COASTAL WETLANDS

(Mr. RICHMOND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank President Obama and the administration for recognizing

how important Louisiana wetlands are not only to Louisiana citizens but also to the country. President Obama put \$35.8 million into his budget for coastal restoration projects in Louisiana.

Madam Speaker, I also rise today to implore the Republican leadership to right the wrong in zeroing out the money that the President put in for our coastal restoration. The Federal Government has made over \$150 billion through offshore oil and gas revenues, primarily from oil and gas exploration off the coast of Louisiana. Louisiana has lost 25 square miles of coastal wetlands every year, or one football field every hour.

More than 80 percent of the Nation's offshore oil and gas is produced off Louisiana's coast, and 25 percent of the Nation's foreign and domestic oil comes ashore on Louisiana roads and waterways. The coastal zone also contains the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port, which handles 13 percent of the Nation's daily oil imports.

Madam Speaker, I would just implore the Republican leadership to do the right thing and restore the money for Louisiana's wetlands.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT NATHAN R. BEYERS

(Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today, shortly after Independence Day, to pay tribute to a brave young man who lost his life defending our country. Twenty-four-year-old Sergeant Nathan Beyers was killed in Baghdad on July 7 when his convoy was attacked by an IED. He died supporting Operation New Dawn in Iraq. He died protecting our country. He died fighting for a better, freer, and safer America.

While we mourn the loss of this American patriot, I rise today to remind everyone that his memory will never be forgotten. We shall remember his legacy of love, sacrifice, and patriotism today and every day.

Sergeant Beyers leaves his wife, Vanessa, an infant daughter in Spokane, Washington, as well as his parents, family, and friends who loved him deeply.

He also leaves behind something that is intangible: A legacy of honor for the bravery he displayed and the life he gave in the name of America.

May God bless the Beyers family and all of the brave men and women who have answered America's call to freedom.

RECOGNIZING THE CREW OF THE AMTRAK DOWNEASTER

(Ms. PINGREE of Maine asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to